

III. Pravda sensitive to Eisenhower go-ahead
on pool idea "without waiting":

- A. Says US preparing "international
atomic energy cartel."
- B. Says US "ruling circles" want
control all capitalist atomic
research.
- C. However, tone suggests fear that
rejection will be Soviet propaganda
loss:
 - 1. Kremlin exploiting universal
fear atomic warfare.
 - 2. Public rejection weakens facade
Soviet reasonableness.

IV. Article probably timed coincide with
~~WORLD PEACE CONFERENCE~~ ~~COUNCIL~~
end (WPC) meeting Berlin, where a final
resolution called for:

- A. Great-power agreement end "experi-
ments dangerous to humanity,"

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PRAVDA ON ATOMIC POOL PROPOSAL

- I. Pravda article (29 May) on Eisenhower atomic pool proposal is:
 - A. First public rejection President's proposal;
 - B. Parallel to earlier Soviet aide-memoire (27 April).
- II. Both Pravda and aide-memoire say plan:
 - A. Provides only small quantity atomic material under international control.
 - B. Is "new step on path of further intensifying atomic weapon race."
 - C. Both repeat Soviet line that outlawing atomic weapons must be first step to agreement on atomic energy.

B. Prohibition use atomic weapons.

V. WPC resolution, recent Orbit comment on atomic war threat, plus utilization non-Communist support this field, all indicate development intensive Soviet "peace front" campaign ban all weapons mass destruction.

A. Appears effort regain "peace initiative";

B. At same time, serves to obscure Kremlin's rejection of pool proposal.